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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/941,229	Applicant(s) MELAMPY ET AL.	
	Examiner Arezoo Sherkat	Art Unit 2131	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 45-73 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 45-73 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/6/2005 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 45-73 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fink et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,526,684 and Fink hereinafter).

Claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by

Regarding claims 45, 52, 59, and 63-66, Fink discloses a method of encrypting multi-media data flow packets, comprising the steps of:

receiving a series of multi-media data flow packets, each packet comprising a sequence number, storing the series of multi-media data flow packets in a jitter buffer (i.e., for the duration of translation process, packets have to be stored in some sort of buffer or temporary storage), re-sequencing (i.e., encrypting) the series of multi-media data flow packets into a pseudo-random order (i.e., the encrypted portions of the packet header are those portions relating to the source and destination hosts 31, and 34 and packet sequencing information), and transmitting each multi-media data flow packet in the re-sequenced series (Col. 6, lines 19-67 and Col. 7-8, lines 1-67 and Col. 9, lines 1-50).

Regarding claims 46 and 53, Fink discloses wherein said re-sequencing uses a randomization code that is algorithmically predictable if a key to said randomization code is known (Col. 11, lines 29-67 and Col. 12, lines 1-41).

Regarding claims 47-49 and 54-56, Fink discloses further comprising the step of performing bit manipulation within said first multi-media data flow packet (Col. 9, lines 44-67 and Col. 10, lines 1-19).

Regarding claims 50-51, 57-58, and 61-62, Fink discloses the step of pseudo-randomly shuffling a destination address of each of the multi-media data flow packets (Col. 7, lines 1-15).

Regarding claims 67-73, Fink discloses a method of encrypting a series of multi-media data flow packets, comprising the steps of:

receiving a series of multi-media data flow packets belonging to a first flow, each packet in the series having the same port address, generating a pseudo-random sequence of numbers, the sequence associated with the port address (Col. 6, lines 19-67 and Col. 7, lines 1-54 and Col. 8, lines 1-20);

replacing the port address in each packet with a value which is a function of the corresponding number in the sequence, and transmitting each packet to a receiver (Col. 9, lines 50-67 and Col. 10, lines .

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Hosford et al., (U.S. Patent No. 5,966,450),

Eng et al., (U.S. Patent No. 5,457,679), and
Akiyama et al., (U.S. Patent No. 5,623,548).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Arezoo Sherkat whose telephone number is (571) 272-3796. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30 Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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